

CLAIM AMENDMENTS:

1-18 cancelled

- 19. (currently amended) A disposable incontinence diaper for adults, the diaper having a front area, a rear area, and a center area disposed between the front and rear areas, the center area coming to rest in a crotch region of the user, the diaper comprising:**

first closing means disposed on side sections of the rear or front areas;

first impact means disposed to cooperate with said first closing means during use of the diaper, said first closing means cooperating with said first impact means in an adhesive or mechanical fashion to close the diaper;

second closing means disposed on side sections of the rear or front areas, said second closing means displaced in a longitudinal direction away from said first closing means to be further removed from a hip edge region of the diaper than said first closing means; and

second impact means disposed to cooperate with said second closing means during use of the diaper, said second closing means cooperating with said second impact means in an adhesive or mechanical fashion to close the diaper, wherein said second closing means and said second impact means are structured and dimensioned such that an adhering bond between them when the diaper is closed is only released by a force which is larger than an adhering bonding force between said first closing means and said first impact means, wherein, as measured in a removal test as a maximum shearing force between said second closing means and said second impact

section, a second force at which an adhering bond between said second closing means and said second impact section is released is between 45 N and 105 N and, as measured in a removal test as a maximum shearing force between said first closing means and said first impact section, a first force at which an adhering bond between said first closing means and said first impact section is released is between 38 N and 60 N.

20. (previously presented) The incontinence diaper of claim 19, wherein said first and said second closing means are disposed proximate longitudinal edge sections of the front or rear area.
21. (previously presented) The incontinence diaper of claim 19, wherein said second closing means has a larger active adhering area than said first closing means.
22. (previously presented) The incontinence diaper of claim 21, wherein said larger active adhering area of said second closing means is at least 1.2 times an active adhering area of said first closing means.
23. (currently amended) The incontinence diaper of claim 22, wherein said larger adhering area of said second holding means is between 1.2 and 2 times, ~~not more than 1.6 times, or 1.5 times~~ larger than said active adhering area of said first closing means.
24. (previously presented) The incontinence diaper of claim 19, wherein, in said longitudinal direction of the diaper, a dimension of an active adhering area of said second closing means is larger than a dimension of an active adhering area of said first closing means.

25. (previously presented) The incontinence diaper of claim 19, wherein, in said longitudinal direction of the diaper, a respective dimension of an active adhering area of said first and said second closing means substantially corresponds to a respective longitudinal dimension of said first and said second closing means.
26. (previously presented) The incontinence diaper of claim 19, wherein a longitudinal dimension of said second closing means is larger than a longitudinal dimension of said first closing means.
27. (previously presented) The incontinence diaper of claim 19, wherein a dimension of an active adhering area of said second closing means in a transverse direction of the diaper substantially corresponds to a dimension of an active adhering area of said first closing means in said transverse direction.
28. (previously presented) The incontinence diaper of claim 19, wherein, in said longitudinal direction of the diaper, said second closing means has a dimension of 24 to 55 mm and said first closing means has a dimension of 20 to 35 mm.
29. (previously presented) The incontinence diaper of claim 28, wherein, in said longitudinal direction of the diaper, said second closing means has a dimension of 30 to 40 mm and said first closing means has a dimension of 20 to 30 mm.
30. (previously presented) The incontinence diaper of claim 19, wherein, in said longitudinal direction, a separation between said first closing means and a hip edge of the diaper is 10 to 50 mm.

31. (previously presented) The incontinence diaper of claim 19, wherein, in said longitudinal direction, a separation between said first and said second closing means is 70 to 150 mm.

32 to 37 cancelled.

38. (new) A disposable incontinence diaper for adults, the diaper having a front area, a rear area, and a center area disposed between the front and rear areas, the center area coming to rest in a crotch region of the user, the diaper comprising:

first closing means disposed on side sections of the rear or front areas;

first impact means disposed to cooperate with said first closing means during use of the diaper, said first closing means cooperating with said first impact means in an adhesive or mechanical fashion to close the diaper;

second closing means disposed on side sections of the rear or front areas, said second closing means displaced in a longitudinal direction away from said first closing means to be further removed from a hip edge region of the diaper than said first closing means; and

second impact means disposed to cooperate with said second closing means during use of the diaper, said second closing means cooperating with said second impact means in an adhesive or mechanical fashion to close the diaper, wherein said second closing means and said second impact means are structured and dimensioned such that an adhering bond between them when the diaper is closed is only released by a force which is larger than an adhering bonding force between said first closing means and said first impact means, wherein,

as measured in a removal test as a maximum shearing force between said second closing means and said second impact section, a second force at which an adhering bond between said second closing means and said second impact section is released is between 55 N and 95 N and, as measured in a removal test as a maximum shearing force between said first closing means and said first impact section, a first force at which an adhering bond between said first closing means and said first impact section is released is between 40 N and 55 N.

39. (new) A disposable Incontinence diaper for adults, the diaper having a front area, a rear area, and a center area disposed between the front and rear areas, the center area coming to rest in a crotch region of the user, the diaper comprising:

first closing means disposed on side sections of the rear or front areas;

first impact means disposed to cooperate with said first closing means during use of the diaper, said first closing means cooperating with said first impact means in an adhesive or mechanical fashion to close the diaper;

second closing means disposed on side sections of the rear or front areas, said second closing means displaced in a longitudinal direction away from said first closing means to be further removed from a hip edge region of the diaper than said first closing means; and

second impact means disposed to cooperate with said second closing means during use of the diaper, said second closing means cooperating with said second impact means in an adhesive or mechanical fashion to close the diaper, wherein said second closing means and said second impact means are

structured and dimensioned such that an adhering bond between them when the diaper is closed is only released by a force which is larger than an adhering bonding force between said first closing means and said first impact means, wherein, as measured in a removal test as a maximum shearing force between said second closing means and said second impact section, a second force at which an adhering bond between said second closing means and said second impact section is released is between 55 N and 95 N and, as measured in a removal test as a maximum shearing force between said first closing means and said first impact section, a first force at which an adhering bond between said first closing means and said first impact section is released is between 40 N and 55 N, wherein said first and said second closing means are disposed proximate longitudinal edge sections of the rear area and a larger active adhering area of said second closing means is at least 1.2 times an active adhering area of said first closing means, wherein, in said longitudinal direction, a separation between said first and said second closing means is 70 to 150 mm.